

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method for electronic trading comprising:

~~operating a network server to communicate with a plurality of workstations and to receive bids and offers for at least one item from at least one of the plurality of workstations, wherein at least one of a group consisting of 1) at least one of the plurality of workstations and 2) the network server, is adapted for:~~

receiving bid or offer orders from a trader;
receiving a trade command to hit or take at least one of the orders;

determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a volume of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, providing the trader with an exclusive trading opportunity in trading related to a trade that occurs in response to the trade command if the trader qualifies for the incentive.

17-24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) [[The]] A method of claim 16, wherein determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive is for electronic trading comprising:

receiving bid or offer orders from a trader;

receiving a trade command to hit or take at least one of the orders;

determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a spread of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, providing the trader with an exclusive trading opportunity related to a trade that occurs in response to the trade command if the trader qualifies for the incentive.

26. (currently amended) [[The]] A method of claim 16, wherein determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive is for electronic trading comprising:

receiving bid or offer orders from a trader;
receiving a trade command to hit or take at least one of the orders;

determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a price of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, providing the trader with an exclusive trading opportunity related to a trade that occurs in response to the trade command if the trader qualifies for the incentive.

27-56. (cancelled)

57. (currently amended) An electronic trading system comprising:

at least one computing workstation coupled to a central processing unit via a network, wherein the central processing unit is configured to:

receive bid or offer orders from a
trader;

receive a trade command to hit or take
at least one of the orders;

determine whether the trader qualifies
for an incentive for making a market associated with the
orders received based upon a volume of the orders received
from the trader; and

for a period of time, provide the
trader with an exclusive trading opportunity in trading
related to a trade that occurs in response to the trade
command if the trader qualifies for the incentive.

58. (cancelled)

59. (currently amended) [[The]] An electronic
trading system of claim 57, wherein determining whether the
trader qualifies for an incentive is comprising:

at least one computing workstation coupled
to a central processing unit via a network, wherein the
central processing unit is configured to:

receive bid or offer orders from a
trader;

receive a trade command to hit or take
at least one of the orders;

determine whether the trader qualifies
for an incentive for making a market associated with the
orders received based upon a spread of the orders received
from the trader; and

for a period of time, provide the
trader with an exclusive trading opportunity related to a
trade that occurs in response to the trade command if the
trader qualifies for the incentive.

60. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ An electronic trading system of claim 57, wherein determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive is comprising:

at least one computing workstation coupled to a central processing unit via a network, wherein the central processing unit is configured to:

receive bid or offer orders from a trader;

receive a trade command to hit or take at least one of the orders;

determine whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a price of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, provide the trader with an exclusive trading opportunity related to a trade that occurs in response to the trade command if the trader qualifies for the incentive.

61-66. (cancelled)

67. (currently amended) A method for electronic trading comprising:

~~operating a network server to communicate with a plurality of workstations and to receive orders for at least one item from at least one of the plurality of workstations, wherein at least one of a group consisting of 1) at least one of the plurality of workstations and 2) the network server, is adapted for:~~

~~receiving orders from a trader;~~

~~determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated~~

with the orders received based upon a volume of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, providing the trader an exclusive trading opportunity ~~in trading~~ as an incentive for making the market.

68. (cancelled)

69. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A method of claim 67, wherein the determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive is for electronic trading comprising:

receiving orders from a trader;

determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a spread of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, providing the trader an exclusive trading opportunity as an incentive for making the market.

70. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A method of claim 67, wherein the determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive is for electronic trading comprising:

receiving orders from a trader;

determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a price of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, providing the trader an exclusive trading opportunity as an incentive for making the market.

71-82. (cancelled)

83. (currently amended) An electronic trading system comprising:

at least one computing workstation coupled to a central processing unit via a network, wherein the central processing unit is configured to:

receive orders from a trader;

determine whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a volume of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, provide the trader an exclusive trading opportunity ~~in trading~~ as an incentive for making the market.

84. (cancelled)

85. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ An electronic trading system of claim 83, wherein the determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive is comprising:

at least one computing workstation coupled to a central processing unit via a network, wherein the central processing unit is configured to:

receive orders from a trader;

determine whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a spread of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, provide the trader an exclusive trading opportunity as an incentive for making the market.

86. (currently amended) [[The]] An electronic trading system of claim 83, wherein the determining whether the trader qualifies for an incentive is comprising:

at least one computing workstation coupled to a central processing unit via a network, wherein the central processing unit is configured to:

receive orders from a trader;

determine whether the trader qualifies for an incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a price of the orders received from the trader; and

for a period of time, provide the trader an exclusive trading opportunity as an incentive for making the market.

87-90. (cancelled)

91. (new) The method of claim 16, further comprising operating a network server to communicate with a plurality of workstations and to receive bids and offers for at least one item from at least one of the plurality of workstations, and wherein at least one of a group consisting of 1) at least one of the plurality of workstations and 2) the network server, is adapted for performing the method.

92. (new) The method of claim 25, further comprising operating a network server to communicate with a plurality of workstations and to receive bids and offers for at least one item from at least one of the plurality of workstations, and wherein at least one of a group consisting of 1) at least one of the plurality of

workstations and 2) the network server, is adapted for performing the method.

93. (new) The method of claim 26, further comprising operating a network server to communicate with a plurality of workstations and to receive bids and offers for at least one item from at least one of the plurality of workstations, and wherein at least one of a group consisting of 1) at least one of the plurality of workstations and 2) the network server, is adapted for performing the method.

94. (new) The method of claim 67, further comprising operating a network server to communicate with a plurality of workstations and to receive orders for at least one item from at least one of the plurality of workstations, and wherein at least one of a group consisting of 1) at least one of the plurality of workstations and 2) the network server, is adapted for performing the method.

95. (new) The method of claim 69, further comprising operating a network server to communicate with a plurality of workstations and to receive orders for at least one item from at least one of the plurality of workstations, and wherein at least one of a group consisting of 1) at least one of the plurality of workstations and 2) the network server, is adapted for performing the method.

96. (new) The method of claim 70, further comprising operating a network server to communicate with a plurality of workstations and to receive orders for at least one item from at least one of the plurality of

workstations, and wherein at least one of a group consisting of 1) at least one of the plurality of workstations and 2) the network server, is adapted for performing the method.